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ANNUAL REPORT
of the
Town of Springfield
NEW HAMPSHIRE



FOR THE YEAR ENDING
JANUARY 31, 1920

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
OFFICERS
OF THE
Town of Springfield
New Hampshire

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THE REPUBLICAN CHAMPION
NEWPORT, N. H.

Town Officers

Moderator

LOYAL BARTON

Selectmen

CARL B. PHILBRICK

JAMES T. FARWELL

JUSTIN E. NICHOLS

Town Clerk

CHARLES E. BAILEY

Town Treasurer

SEELY W. PHILBRICK

Tax Collector

HOWARD L. MORGAN

Health Officer

CARL B. PHILBRICK

Auditors

CHARLES E. BAILEY

ELWIN F. PHILBRICK

LEIGHTON E. PHILBRICK

Superintendent of Schools

E. F. CALLAHAN

School Board

HILDA E. CLOUGH

CARL B. PHILBRICK

EVA M. GARDNER

Clerk of School District

CHARLES E. BAILEY

Treasurer of School District

HELEN E. PHILBRICK

Truant Officer

SEELY W. PHILBRICK

Town of Springfield, N. H.	Balance
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Assets

Cash in hands of treasurer	\$1,585.52
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Due from State:

Joint highway fund, unexpended balance in State Treasury	129.30
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Joint Maintenance fund, unex- pended balance in State Treasury	49.89
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\$176.19

Due from W. M. Barber	\$46.29
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Due from Trust Fund Trustees, Gay Fund	16.00
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Taxes not collected, levy of 1919	1,204.73
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\$3,028.73

Net town debt	580.01
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Grand total	\$3,608.74
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Net debt, January 31, 1919	\$1,098.35
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Net debt, January 31, 1920	580.01
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Decrease of debt	\$518.34
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Liabilities

Due to School District:

Dog licenses, 1919	\$134.74	
Balance, assessment of 1919	390.42	
	<hr/>	\$525.16

State and town joint highway accounts:

Unexpended balances in State		
Treasury	\$176.19	
Unexpended balances in Town		
Treasury	246.73	
	<hr/>	\$422.92

Due to Trustees of Trust Funds:

Cemetery Fund notes	1,745.00	
Gay Fund	415.66	
	<hr/>	\$2,160.66

Due to A. J. Goodhue and Seely W.

Philbrick, trustees, L. J.		
Heath Church Fund		500.00

Grand total		<hr/> \$3,608.74
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INVENTORY OF TAXABLE PROPERTY

April 1, 1919

122 polls	
Lands and buildings	\$411,845.00
321 horses	17,605.00
60 oxen	7,995.00
194 cows	14,810.00
51 neat stock	3,845.00
61 sheep	800.00
1 hog	15.00
220 fowls	315.00
17 vehicles, including automobiles	5,250.00
3 portable mills	1,950.00
Wood and lumber, not stock in trade	23,590.00
Stock in trade	2,500.00
Mills and machinery	500.00
Total valuation	<hr style="width: 10%; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/> \$491,020.00
Soldiers' exemptions deducted from above items	\$2,000.00
Exemption of registered sires	300.00
Amount of taxes committed to col- lector, including poll taxes	\$11,904.97
Average rate of taxation for all purposes	\$2.35

Treasurer's Report

Cash in Treasury, Jan. 31, 1919	\$2,463.52
Received of Selectmen	2,720.75
Received of W. W. Hill on 1917 bond	18.92
Received of C. B. Philbrick on 1918 bond	537.04
Received of C. B. Philbrick, interest on above	11.35
Received of H. L. Morgan on 1919 bond	10,700.24
Received of H. L. Morgan, interest on above	5.40
Received of C. E. Bailey, town clerk, dog licenses	134.74
Received of C. E. Bailey, town clerk, permits for automobile licenses	12.51
Total receipts	<hr/> \$16,604.47
Paid by order of Selectmen	\$15,018.95
Cash in Treasury, Jan. 31, 1920	<hr/> 1,585.52
	\$16,604.47

SEELY W. PHILBRICK,
Town Treasurer.

Town of Springfield, N. H.

Receipts and

Receipts

From local taxes:

Property and poll taxes, current year	\$10,700.24
Property and poll taxes, previous years	555.96
	<hr/> \$11,256.20

Tax sales redeemed	\$158.23
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From State:

State aid maintenance	\$229.71
State aid construction	620.95
Savings bank tax	178.90
Fighting forest fires	18.12
Bounties	30.40
	<hr/> \$1,078.08

From County:

For support of poor	\$3.25
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From local sources except taxes:

Dog licenses	\$134.74
Automobile permits for licenses	12.51
Rent of town hall	4.00
Interest received on taxes	16.75
Income from trust funds	39.60
Cemetery lots sold	3.00
	<hr/> \$210.60

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Payments For the Year Ending Jan. 31, 1920

<i>Payments</i>		
General government:		
1. Town officers' salaries	\$420.10	
2. Town officers' expense	117.85	
3. Town hall expense	35.83	
		\$573.78
Protection of persons and property:		
4. Fire department bills	\$36.24	
5. Bounties	30.40	
		\$66.64
Health:		
6. Health department	\$228.02	
7. Vital Statistics	5.75	
		\$233.77
Highways and bridges:		
8. State aid maintenance	\$412.22	
9. Town maintenance	3,389.41	
		\$3,801.63
Library:		
10. Librarian	\$25.00	
Purchase of books	25.00	
		\$50.00
Charities:		
11. Town poor	\$167.00	
12. County poor	3.25	
		\$170.25
Patriotic purposes:		
13. Memorial Day	\$3.75	
14. Honor Roll	175.00	
		\$178.75

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Town of Springfield

Receipts and

Other receipts:

Temporary loans, anticipation of taxes	\$1,000.00
Refunded from J. C. Severance, surveyor, balance due town, Jan. 31, 1919	84.90
Over-drawn from state maintenance	5.45
Gift from Mrs. McGann, fixing ledges	20.00
Gay Fund, for town poor	317.74
Sale of plank and fuse	6.50
	<hr/> \$1,434.59
	<hr/> \$14,140.95
Cash on hand at beginning of year	2,463.52
Grand total	<hr/> \$16,604.47

Payments For the Year Ending January 31, 1920

Public service enterprises:		
15. Cemeteries		\$38.57
Unclassified:		
16. Abatements	\$48.29	
17. Damages	20.00	
18. Church fund	22.50	
		\$90.79
Interest:		
19. Paid on temporary loans	\$25.00	
20. Paid on long term notes	120.68	
		\$145.68
New construction:		
21. State aid construction		\$1,656.40
Indebtedness:		
2. Paid on temporary loans	\$1,000.00	
23. Paid on trust funds	317.74	
		\$1,317.74
Other Governmental Divisions:		
24. Taxes paid to State	\$1,980.00	
25. Taxes paid to County	1,107.01	
26. Payments to School District	3,607.94	
		\$6,694.95
		\$15,018.95
Cash on hand at end of year		1,585.52
		\$16,604.47
Grand total		

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Detail One. Town Officers' Salaries

Carl B. Philbrick, selectman and overseer of poor	\$100.00	
James T. Farwell, selectmen	33.00	
Justin E. Nichols, selectman	42.00	
Carl B. Philbrick, examining timber	9.00	
James T. Farwell, examining timber	9.00	
Justin E. Nichols, examining timber	6.00	
Seely W. Philbrick, treasurer	35.00	
C. E. Bailey, town clerk	25.00	
Carl B. Philbrick, collector, 1918	6.85	
Howard L. Morgan, collector, 1919	133.75	
Auditors for 1918	12.50	
Justin E. Nichols, hearse driver	8.00	
		<hr/> \$420.10

Detail Two. Town Officers' Expense

Dartmouth Press, printing reports for 1918	\$47.30	
J. Madison Howe, stationery	5.85	
Edson C. Eastman Co., tax books, blanks, etc.	9.26	
C. B. Philbrick, stationery, postage, telephone	14.72	
Joseph L. George, cash paid out for hearse	5.00	
C. B. Philbrick, cash paid out, Concord, Newport, etc.	8.72	
Mrs. Marie Putney, cash paid for hearse	6.00	
J. M. Barton, atty., legal advice	21.00	
		<hr/> \$117.85

Detail Three. Town Hall Expense

C. B. Philbrick, repairs on generator	\$8.86	
A. H. Collins, care of hall and expense	23.77	
C. B. Philbrick, cash paid out for stove pipe	1.30	
C. E. Bailey, supplies	1.90	
		<hr/> \$35.83

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Detail Four. Fire Department and Bills

C. H. Brooks, expense of fire at Baptist Pond	\$20.00	
C. H. Brooks, posting notices	16.24	
		<hr/> \$36.24

Detail Five. Bounties

C. B. Philbrick, bounties paid	\$30.40
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HEALTH

Detail Six. Health Department

District Nurse Association, salary of district nurse, Mrs. Hope P. Stry- ker	\$150.00	
C. E. Bailey, goods furnished in quar- antine cases	25.02	
William P. Clough, M. D., examining scarlet fever suspects	3.00	
C. B. Philbrick, health officer, services and cash paid out	50.00	
		<hr/> \$228.02

Detail Seven. Vital Statistics

C. E. Bailey, town clerk recording vital statistics	\$4.25	
F. P. Fisher, M. D., return of births and deaths	1.00	
F. P. Claggett, M. D., return of births and deaths	.50	
		<hr/> \$5.75

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Detail Eight. State Aid Maintenance

J. C. Severance, Agent

George A. Coburn	\$41.00	
Willard W. Severance	32.00	
Leon L. Tenney	36.00	
William A. Osborn	24.00	
Aaron M. Whipple	12.00	
Fred Dozois	9.00	
Leighton E. Philbrick	3.00	
Perley Keneston	9.00	
William L. Morgan	3.00	
Zellie D. Tenney	13.50	
Joseph C. Severance	112.05	
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		\$294.55
Overdrawn and refunded		5.15
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		\$300.00

Guy A. Loverin, Agent

Elwin L. Goodrich	\$45.99	
Osman B. Heath	15.00	
Edward C. Philbrick	9.00	
Robert Luck, gravel	1.20	
Curtis J. Eastman	6.00	
Chester Evans	6.00	
Bryan M. Putney	6.00	
Guy A. Loverin	23.03	
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		\$112.22

Detail Nine. Town Maintenance

J. C. Severance, Surveyor

WINTER BREAKING AFTER SETTLEMENT

Feb. 1, 1919.

J. C. Severance	\$8.54
Zellie D. Tenney	1.40
Thomas R. Moore	2.89

Frank W. Colby	13.39
Leon L. Tenney	10.00
Charles H. Brooks	4.20
Edgar L. Fowler	5.78
Fred Dozois	2.00
Perley Keneston	3.30
H. R. Morrill	11.00

\$62.50

SUMMER WORK

J. C. Severance	\$213.50
Willard W. Severance	99.00
Leon L. Tenney	127.90
George A. Coburn	91.50
Daniel H. Peaslee	5.50
Arthur H. Collins	2.50
William A. Osborn	28.50
Howard Fiske	3.00
George L. Saunderson	38.00
Aaron M. Whipple	9.00
J. F. Walker	28.32
W. L. Walker	3.75
George Leavitt	20.00
Zellie D. Tenney	3.00
Edgar L. Fowler	15.00
Herbert R. Morrill	25.17
A. A. Morrill	39.51
Perley Keneston	7.98
Charles E. Bailey, supplies	4.78

\$762.41

WINTER BREAKING

J. C. Severance	\$24.00
Leon L. Tenney	24.00
Herbert R. Morrill	2.24

\$50.24

Charles G. French, Surveyor

SUMMER WORK

Charles G. French	\$288.68	
Leavitt J. Barton	28.00	
Ralph M. Richardson	76.33	
Willie Howard	47.00	
Clayton Pillsbury	31.00	
Albert C. Rogers	220.88	
Fred E. Gerald	8.67	
Seely W. Philbrick	9.76	
John M. Philbrick	9.00	
Leonard J. Patten	53.33	
Maurice J. Brock	1.67	
Arthur Lane	12.00	
Nelson Lane	5.00	
Rupert Jones	28.33	
George F. Sanborn	21.00	
Leighton E. Philbrick	17.33	
Olen Leavitt	6.00	
Basil Baker	3.00	
Lawrence Gardner	13.25	
Myron L. Goodhue	7.23	
J. G. Green	60.60	
J. E. Nichols	3.50	
Douglas McInnis	3.00	
Noel Eastman	4.00	
		\$953.56

WINTER BREAKING

Charles G. French	\$48.00	
Ralph M. Richardson	14.00	
Thomas J. Goddard	1.50	
		\$63.50

Guy A. Loverin, Surveyor

SPECIAL AND GENERAL SUMMER WORK

Guy A. Loverin	\$181.62
Noel Eastman	9.30

Burt G. Morgan	19.66	
Harold Richardson	101.67	
Bryan M. Putney	109.00	
George Rogers	8.00	
James W. Woodward	.65	
Joseph L. George	13.32	
Wanton J. Tucker	23.68	
Frank Stone	39.00	
Glenn H. Hoyt	6.00	
David F. Richardson	3.00	
Osmon B. Heath	79.00	
Harland Heath	3.00	
Chester Evans	67.00	
Hebert C. Hoyt	7.67	
Curtis J. Eastman	46.00	
Charles G. French	120.00	
James Prendergast	25.50	
Walter Hoague	12.33	
Elwin L. Goodrich	76.93	
Edward C. Philbrick	18.00	
Alonzo B. Putney	3.00	
Fred E. Gerald	3.33	
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		\$976.66

WINTER BREAKING

Bryan M. Putney	3.00	
W. G. Hooper	3.00	
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		\$6.00

WINTER BREAKING AFTER SETTLEMENT

Bills Paid by Selectmen

1917 and 1918 bill	
James F. Little	\$26.75
February, 1919	
A. S. Prescott	3.00
George Rogers	17.00
William E. Stevens	2.50

Dallas H. Patten	36.00	
Frank O. Holmes	2.50	
William A. Nixon, one-half care Nix- on Road	10.00	
Archie McInnis, care McInnis Road	6.00	
C. B. Philbrick, repairs on road machine	17.17	
Wells and Flanders, plank	241.56	
James T. Farwell, plank	21.90	
Fred Dozois	12.00	
A. H. Collins, work on town imple- ments	18.30	
C. B. Philbrick, cash paid housing ma- chine	4.00	
C. B. Philbrick, labor on road roller and highway	6.00	
D. H. Peaslee, housing roller	3.00	
Dr. S. S. Adams, housing roller	4.00	
Justin E. Nichols, plank and labor	2.82	
James B. Pillsbury, labor on highway	5.00	
B. F. Willis, labor "Strong Brook Road"	20.00	
C. S. Walker, dynamite and fuse	19.00	
W. H. Hoague, winter breaking, 1920	8.40	
George Rogers, winter breaking, 1920	21.00	
Charles E. Bailey, supplies	6.64	
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		\$514.54

LIBRARY

Detail Ten. Expense of Library

Abby J. Goodhue, services and rent	\$25.00	
Library Trustees for purchase of books	25.00	
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		\$50.00

CHARITY

Detail Eleven. Town Poor

N. H. Child Welfare Association, hos- pital bill. Leavitt child	\$75.00	
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N. H. Child Welfare Association, board of Leavitt child	76.00	
F. P. Fisher, M. D., professional ser- vices for Mrs. O. P. Heath	12.00	
George D. Philbrick, conveying Mrs. O. P. Heath to Grantham	4.00	
	<hr/>	\$167.00

Detail Twelve. County Poor

Charles Newcomb, M. D., visit to Mrs. Caleb Chase's child		\$3.25
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PATRIOTIC PUBPOSES

Detail Thirteen. Memorial Day

J. W. Johnson & Son, purchase of flags		\$3.75
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Detail Fourteen. Honor Roll

Lebanon Machine Co., honor roll	\$150.00	
C. E. Bailey, transportation, honor roll	5.00	
C. B. Philbrick, cash for cement	2.53	
Guy A. Loverin, setting honor roll	4.00	
C. B. Philbrick, cash paid out and la- bor	8.47	
Libbie A. Cass	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$175.00

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

Detail Fifteen. Cemeteries

Edson L. Hill, setting new fence	\$14.25	
C. B. Philbrick, cash paid out for ce- ment	6.32	
J. L. George, cash paid for digging grave	4.00	
Edson L. Hill, mowing cemetery	10.00	
Edson L. Hill, digging grave for Hope Putney	4.00	
	<hr/>	\$38.57

UNCLASSIFIED

Detail Sixteen. Abatements

W. W. Hill, Collector, 1916

George S. Heath, left town	\$3.60
Mason Stryker, left town	2.00

\$5.60

Howard L. Morgan, Collector, 1919

Andrew Allen, poll tax paid in New- port	\$3.00
Andrew Allen, automobile tax paid in Newport	8.23
Joseph Meyette, poll tax paid in Mas- sachusetts	3.00
James E. Palmer, poll tax paid in Go- shen	3.00
Archie C. Burnett, error	1.18
Mrs. George Hodges, automobile paid in New London	9.40
Alfred Martin estate, error	5.88
Rupert Jones, watering tub, 1918-1919	6.00
Francilla Kinsley, watering tub	3.00

\$42.69

Detail Seventeen. Damages

T. W. Sinclair, damage received on Enfield Road	\$20.00
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Detail Eighteen. Church Fund

Helen E. Philbrick, treasurer M. E. Church	\$22.50
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INTEREST

Detail Nineteen. Temporary Loan

Citizen's National Bank	\$25.00
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Detail Twenty. Long Term Notes

M. J. Brock, trustee, Gay Fund	\$23.01
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A. Stephen Prescott, Cemetery Fund	61.08	
A. Stephen Prescott, Gay Fund	16.59	
Abby J. Goodhue, Lydia J. Heath Church Fund	20.00	
	<hr/>	\$120.68

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Detail Twenty-One. State Aid Construction

J. C. Severance, Agent

J. C. Severance	\$343.00	
Newell Grace	9.00	
Aaron M. Whipple	9.00	
William L. Morgan	39.00	
Perley Keneston	99.00	
J. F. Walker	102.00	
George L. Heath	27.00	
George A. Coburn	144.00	
Leighton E. Philbrick	45.00	
Justin E. Nichols	30.00	
Willard W. Severance	160.50	
Leon L. Tenney	300.00	
William A. Osborn	79.50	
Harland Heath	27.00	
C. W. Heath	27.00	
Fred Dozois	82.50	
E. H. Carroll & Son, estate, gravel	44.10	
Penn. Metal Co., culvert	52.80	
Dynamite, etc.	36.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,656.40

INDEBTEDNESS

Detail Twenty-Two. Temporary Loans

Citizens' National Bank, anticipation of taxes	\$1,000.00
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Detail Twenty-Three. Trust Funds

M. J. Brock, trustee, Gay Fund	\$183.33	
A. Stephen Prescott, trustee, Gay Fund	134.41	
	<hr/>	\$317.74

OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS

Detail Twenty-Four. State Tax

State Treasurer	\$1,980.00
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Detail Twenty-Five. County Tax

County Treasurer	\$1,107.01
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Detail Twenty-Six. School District

Helen E. Philbrick, School District Treasurer	\$3,607.94
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Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Springfield, on January 31, 1920

Date of Creation	PURPOSE OF CREATION	Invested in Town Notes					Rate of Interest—3½ per cent.	Amt. of Principal	Bal. of In- come on hand at be- ginning of year	Income during year	Expended during year	Bal. of In- come on hand at end of year
March 17, 1894	Fuller Fund, care of lot and monument							\$ 50.00	\$ 1.96	\$ 1.75	\$ 1.20	\$ 2.51
June 29, 1894	Addison Fund, care of lot							100.00	5.57	3.50	1.50	7.57
April 13, 1895	Childs Fund, care of G. A. Nason lot							50.00	1.64	1.75	1.20	2.19
July 1, 1898	Paige Fund, care of D. N. Adams lot							60.00	2.60	2.10	1.20	3.50
January 30, 1900	Quimby Fund, care of lot and general care of cemetery							100.00	2.21	3.50	3.26	2.45
June 30, 1900	Davis Fund, care of lot and general care of cemetery							100.00	2.07	3.50	3.71	1.86
February 15, 1901	Beal Fund, care of Kinsley lot and general care of cemetery							100.00	2.66	3.50	2.37	3.79
February 14, 1903	Fowler Fund, care of lot							40.00	1.78	1.40	.50	2.68
February 13, 1909	Goodhue Fund, care of lot and general care of cemetery							100.00	2.58	3.50	3.27	2.81
February 15, 1909	McDaniel Fund, care of lot and general care of cemetery							100.00	7.14	3.50	3.87	6.77
March, 1909	Morgan Fund, care of F. B. Morgan lot							50.00	1.01	1.75	1.20	1.56
October 1910	Soden and Metcalf Fund, care of Quimby and Clement lots							100.00	5.14	3.50	2.40	6.24
February 14, 1912	Burnham Fund, Burnham and Jeffers lot and general care of cemetery							50.00	.64	1.75	1.80	.59
February 14, 1912	McDaniels and Quimby Fund, care of S. Quimby lot and general care of cemetery							100.00	4.95	3.50	2.22	6.23
July 24, 1913	Wiggins Fund, care of Wiggins and Tenney lot							300.00	13.02	10.50	8.60	14.92
November 24, 1914	Morgan Fund, care of G. H. Morgan lot							50.00	1.91	1.75	1.05	2.61
January 8, 1916	Heath Fund, care of E. R. Heath family lot							200.00	15.19	7.00	3.60	18.59
January 31, 1919	I. A. Colby Fund, care of lot							95.00		3.33	.20	3.13
April 26, 1892	Gay Fund, Aid of town poor							339.66	23.01	16.59	357.34	

We have this day examined and computed the accounts of the Selectmen and other officers of the Town of Springfield, N. H., and found same to be correct.

LEIGHTON E. PHILBRICK,
CHARLES E. BAILEY,
ELWIN F. PHILBRICK,

Auditors

February 5, 1920

Librarian's Report

Number of bound volumes at beginning of year	1,000
Number of bound volumes added by purchase	23
Number of bound volumes added by gifts	63
Federal, state and town documents	9
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Total number of volumes owned at end of year	1,095
Number volumes of non-fiction lent	10
Number volumes of fiction lent	778
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Total circulation for current year	788
Number of new borrowers during year	20
Total number active borrowers during year	80

ABBY J. GOODHUE,
Librarian

School Report

Springfield, N. H., Jan. 27, 1920.

To the School Committee and Citizens of Springfield:

I desire your earnest consideration for my first annual report as superintendent of your schools.

The all-absorbing topic in school matters, the present year, has been the scarcity of teachers. Because of the situation, with regard to outside communication, and for other causes, notably, the large number of teachers who have left the profession during the past year—over 150,000 for the entire country—Springfield has been unfortunate in her efforts to secure teachers the past fall. But the situation, at the present time, is no worse here than in many other places in the State and Nation. The greatest cause for the present scarcity of teachers is the question of wages. Teachers have long been underpaid. Now that enormous increases in wages have come in so many other lines of business, the contrast between the compensations that teachers receive, and those gained in other callings that require a much less expensive preparatory training, has become most painfully apparent. On the other hand, high commodity prices have reduced the buying power of the teacher's salary below the absolute minimum required for living expenses. As a consequence, many have been forced to leave the teaching profession, or starve.

Another contributing cause has been the new standards set up by the new statute, as minimum essentials, for the certification of teachers. As a matter of fact the number kept out

of the profession by this factor is almost imponderable, and certainly, no one who was fit to be entrusted with the care of children, has been thus debarred. At first pause, this requirement of the law may seem to work a hardship to some of the towns, but a little reflection will show the wisdom of the law. None of my readers would, for a moment, entertain the idea of taking his watch to a garage man to repair some delicate part. I wonder, do we exercise as much care and provision, in the selection of the people who are to have a large part in the formation of the characters of our children?

The State has set up other standards of requirements in the matter of buildings, courses of study, sanitation, and otherwise. But in spite of all these requirements now demanded, or, that may be demanded, the only way to have a good school is to get a good teacher. This is the essential. The others are only incidentals, helping her to do her work in a more efficient and business-like way.

Bearing the above in mind, will the school board, and the citizens please carefully consider the following recommendations?

It is my best judgment that the coming district meeting should authorize its school board to purchase two suitable covered vehicles and consolidate the Morgan and Maxfield districts with the Village school at West Springfield; to divide the room at the latter place and install two teachers.

The district should carefully consider the following points in their consideration of the above plan:

First, it will need one less teacher than the present plan.

Second, for the same money, better trained teachers can be induced to come to the village to teach, than can be secured for the outlying districts.

Third, the children will be better taught under two teachers than with one.

Let us consider the above statements, and see if they are borne out by the facts. It would be highly desirable in the present shortage of teachers to be able to get along with a third less than the present number. But this is, of course, not essential. One thing not to forget, though, is that in such a shortage, as now confronts us, there is much better prospect of getting good teachers, for the smaller number of positions than for the larger.

Under the second point, I would like to state that I realize that if the boys and girls of the farming communities are taken from their homes during the school days and carried to a village school, and turned loose on the streets of a village, they will never be content to go back home and settle down, and live on their fathers' farms. I realize very keenly, too, that we should strive, by all legitimate means to keep more boys and girls on the farms, and that our past system of education was contrary to this policy. But, happily, these objections do not obtrude in our case, in this town. The village school is, to all practical purposes, a rural school with practically the same environments as all the other rural schools. It is far enough removed from the village so that the usual distractions of a village are not present. This would not be a factor in inducing the farm children to leave the farms after finishing school.

Teachers are human beings as well as the rest of us. They are attracted by the same things that we are. It should be very obvious to any one then, that, given two schools bidding for a teacher, one a village school where the teacher can have social life, outside school, that a village offers, and a rural school, where the teacher may be isolated from all outside society, for days at a time, especially, in the winter, the village school will always be the choice of the average teacher. Good roads, the telephone, and rural free

delivery are changing the above conditions, but prejudices die slowly. Consequently, there is bound to be, for a long time, a feeling of preference for the village position, because of the conditions of loneliness and isolation that have existed in the past.

Because children can be better graded, they will be better taught. At present, all three schools are teaching one or more groups of children identically the same things. With two rooms there will be no wasted effort of this kind. More time will be given for individual help to those children needing it.

Finally, the above plan will do away with remodelling two buildings in the very near future. The State Board has set up certain minimum requirements as to the heating, lighting, and sanitation of the school buildings of the State. These are really the least that can be considered in the way of providing high prices for all labor and material. These changes are bound to prove expensive, and so it would seem the part of wisdom to put one building in suitable repair, rather than attempt to remedy three, and then not get so good results, as seem possible, at less expense by the other method.

May I ask your patience for another matter? This is the question of teachers' salaries. I would like to submit the following estimate of a teacher's living expenses:

Board for 52 weeks, \$6 per week	\$312
Laundry for 52 weeks, 50c per week	26
Insurance or other savings	60
Clothing	150
Summer School, or books, or other means of growth	50
Amusement, travelling, etc.	50
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	\$648

Divide the above by 36, the number of weeks for which the teacher receives pay and \$18 per week is obtained as the minimum, that a teacher can live on. I realize, and I think that my readers will agree, that many of the above items are absurdly low. For instance, according to one recent investigation among office girls, it costs at present \$247 for a girl to provide herself with one complete outfit of clothing. At present, only one of our teachers is receiving \$18 per week, and he will not teach after the present term, even for much more than that salary.

One of our neighboring states has tried to help in the matter of supplying teachers, properly trained, for the rural communities, by providing state aid to those who are willing to teach in rural schools. This is a step in the right direction. I have no doubt that our own state, in the near future, will go even further than is provided in our own excellent law, in order to aid the poorer and thinly populated communities of the State.

A long step forward has been taken by the enactment of the present law. Because of this, school privileges have been equalized as never before. It will always be comparatively easy for the cities, and thickly populated districts to secure teachers, and proper teaching plants. Under the present law, there is no excuse for any community in the State not to have as good a school system as every other, no matter what the disparity in the smaller community's wealth. After the poorer communities have raised a tax of \$5 per \$1,000 of its assessed valuation, if this sum is insufficient to provide it with proper schools, the State has promised, under certain necessary conditions, to provide the balance necessary to carry on the work. Thus, at last, the wealthy and populous communities, which have so long drawn from the farming communities their most valuable asset, namely, the boys and girls who have left the farms to seek their fortunes in the cities, are taxed for the benefit of their brothers and sisters, who were compelled or

preferred to remain at home with the old people on the farms.

At last the State has seriously accepted the proposition that the schools exist solely for good citizens of "all the children of all the people" of the entire state. But this ideal will be possible only when the fathers and mothers seriously realize their privileges and duties under our present system, and co-operate with the school authorities for the accomplishment of our common aim—the best education possible for all the children.

I am grateful to the citizens and school board for the very evident spirit of co-operation and sympathy shown me in my efforts to help the children.

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. CALLAHAN,

Superintendent of Schools.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SCHOOL BOARD

In order that we may obtain State Aid, we recommend that \$5 per \$1,000 of valuation of ratable estates in the District be raised for support of schools; \$200 be raised for high school tuition; \$200 for repairs; \$100 for officers' salaries.

HILDA E. CLOUGH,

C. B. PHILBRICK,

EVA M. GARDNER,

School Board.

ROLL OF HONOR

First Term—Fred W. Bailey, Thelma E. Lane, Velora M. Lane.

Second Term—Floyd G. Clough.

Third Term—Harry C. Blake, Floyd G. Clough, Bessie O. Severance.

For the Year—D. Harlan Cass, Arthur R. Fowler.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Schools	Divisions	Terms	Teachers	Weeks of School	Wares per Month	No. of Pupils	Perfect Attendance	Tardiness	Visitors	Visits of School Board
Center	1	1	Mrs. Bessie S. Blake	12	\$48	21	2	30	17	2
"		2	{ Mrs. Bessie S. Blake	2	48	19	1	9	5	3
"		3	{ Katherine Schmanska	4	52	19	1	14	9	4
			{ Sarah E. A. Maxwell	12	56	19	1			
Kempton	2	1	{ Beulah Walker	2	20	2	1		3	
			{ Mrs. Lillian P. Fowler	7	20	2	1			
"		2	{ Mrs. James Walker	1	16	2	1		1	
		3	{ Mrs. Lillian P. Fowler	10	20	2	1		4	
Maxfield	3	1	Mrs. Lillian P. Fowler	10	20	2	1	2	11	2
"		2	Mrs. Eliza S. Tenney	12	36	10	1		18	1
			Lucy A. Heath	8	32	7	1			
"			{ Geraldine A. Fleming	5	44	15	2	6	7	4
Morgan	4	1	{ Mrs. Aileen F. Kacy	5	52	9		49	5	2
"		2	Sadie E. Farley	7	36	9		16	11	2
"		3	{ Sadie E. Farley	10	36	9		18	2	4
			{ Lucy A. Heath	3	36	13				
Sanborn	5	1	Anna H. Sanborn	10	32	7	2		16	1
"		2	Anna H. Sanborn	10	32	7				
"		3	Anna H. Sanborn	10	32	9	1	1	20	3

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT

August 31, 1918 to August 31, 1919

Revenue

Literary Fund, received from State	\$52.00	
Proportion of School fund from State	171.25	
Amount required by law	712.50	
In addition to that required by law	1,000.00	
Amount assessed for text-books and supplies	100.00	
Amount assessed for high school tuition	300.00	
Amount assessed for repairs	100.00	
Amount assessed for officers' salaries	75.00	
Dog licenses received April, 1919	129.00	
Amount received from elementary tuition	26.00	
Amount received from sale of school house	25.00	
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		\$2,691.02
Amount overdrawn, August 31, 1918		182.08
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		\$2,508.94
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1918		\$175.60
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		\$2,684.54

Expense

Salaries of School Board	\$65.00
Other district officers	10.00

Other expense of administration	7.80	
Teachers' salaries	1,328.00	
Elementary school tuition	201.15	
Text books and pupils' supplies	2.85	
Other expense of instruction	25.00	
Janitor service	19.05	
Fuel	110.25	
Minor repairs	70.56	
Other expense of maintenance	40.57	
Transportation of pupils	30.00	
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Cash on hand, Aug. 31, 1919		\$774.31
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		\$2,684.54

HELEN E. PHILBRICK,
School District Treasurer

Vital Statistics

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered in the Town of Springfield for the year ending December 31, 1919

Date of Birth	Name of the Child (if any)	Sex and Condition	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Oct. 17, 1918	Marjorie Louise	F	Herbert B. Putney	Ruby Hooper	Springfield	Farmer	Springfield	Stratham
Oct. 18, 1918	James Franklin	M	Bernard D. Eastman	Lillian Howarth	"	Farmer	"	Massachusetts
Nov. 8, 1918	Bernice Grace	F	Charles W. Heath	Gertie Dean	"	Farmer	"	Grafton
Apr. 29, 1919	Fredia Kidder	F		Minnie Flanders				Springfield
July 21, 1919	Edith Luck	F	Robert Luck	Nellie Severance	Springfield	Farmer	England	Nova Scotia
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Marriages Registered in the Town of Spingfield for the year ending December 31, 1919

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in years	Color of Each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation of Parents	Marriage	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by whom married
Jan. 4, 1919	Thomas J. Colby	Portchester N. Y.	57	All white	Tool maker	Enfield	Lewis T. Colby			2nd	Clarence Hill Frank
Stamford, Conn	Evelyn F. Whittier	Springfield	22	All white	Housemaid	Springfield	Ann M. Hardy			1st	Minister Stamford, Conn.
July 1, 1919	Sewell R. Chase	Springfield	61	All white	Farmer	New London	Walter H. Whittier			2nd	Curtis J. Nichols
Springfield	Corinne M. Burke	Boston, Mass	44	All white	Housewife	Boston, Mass.	Jennie McFadden	Manchester	Farmer	4th	Justice of the Peace
							Thomas S. Chase	Springfield, Mass	Housewife		Georges Mills, N. H.
							Lucinda Richardson	Center Harbor	Shoe business		
							Henry L. Warner		Housewife		
							Annie A. Drake				

Deaths Registered in the Town of Springfield for the year ending December 31, 1919

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age		Place of Birth	Sex and Condition		Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
			Years	Months		Sex	Color				
Apr. 4	Springfield	Ellen M. Pillsbury	66	4	Croydon	F		Hartland, Vt.	Enfield	Charles A. Beers	Nancy Kidder
May 4	"	John L. George	79	5	Sunapee	M		Sunapee	Newport	Orren George	Irene Hurd
July 15	"	Alonzo H. Draper	71	2	Sunapee	M		Lowell, Mass	Orange	Joshua L. Draper	Martha A. Nute
July 27	Sunapee	Eliza Bennett Eastman	70	5	Columbia	F	All white	Lowell, Mass	England	Robert Bennett	Mary Ann Brown
Aug. 3	New London	Serphina M. Philbrick	86	10	New London	F		Springfield	Sunapee	James Morgan	Saloma Ide
Aug. 4	Springfield	Edith Luck	14	3	Springfield	F		England	Nova Scotia	Robert Luck	Nellie Severence
Aug. 10	Manchester	Abbie M. Draper	68	10	Rockland, Mass	F		Unknown	Unknown	Daniel Ford	Diana Torrey
Aug. 26	Springfield	Harry Percy Litchfield	72	22	Springfield	M		New York	New York	Edwin C. Litchfield	Grace H. Hubbard
Sept. 14	"	Hope Violet Putney	13	7	Springfield	F		Springfield	Germany	Adelbert Putney	Marie Schellenberger
Dec. 5	"	George Herbert Nixon	8	9	Springfield	M		Cambdage, Mass	St. Ives, England	Wm. A. Nixon	Jessie S. Williams

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

C. E. BAILEY, Town Clerk.

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